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## U.S.-Turkey Strategic Dialogue

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### Demand:

Positioned on prime geostrategic real estate, Turkey pursues a foreign policy seeking zero problems with its neighbors, yet its neighborhood is increasingly menaced by conflict. The need for a U.S.-Turkey dialogue is forward looking. Turkey has become a role model for secular democracy in the Middle East, and as a NATO member with regional expertise, Turkey stands ready to be a potential contributor to global nonproliferation missions.

### Objective:

The primary objectives of this effort are twofold: to better understand and identify solutions to the current and potential challenges to U.S. national security interests in the Middle East, and to enhance understanding of and cooperation with Turkey through a Track II dialogue. The dialogue will provide policymakers with accessible intelligence, informed by on the ground discussions with relevant stakeholders in Turkey.

### Approach:

Participants in the dialogue, slated to take place in Turkey, will serve as subject-matter experts and provide presentations, expertise, and/or consultation. Dialogue discussions will assess each nation's perception of the regional security environment, the perceived value of extended deterrence, and the regional threat of WMD proliferation and how to encourage more active efforts to counter this danger. Insights gained will be circulated independently and without attribution, as well as being briefed to U.S. defense and diplomatic establishments.

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